

Board of Directors Meeting September 11, 2014 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Academics

- Technology Initiative
 - Our focus this year is to maximize the use of technology in the classroom in enhancing instruction and learning. These initiatives include our 1:1 program for 10th graders, implementing google classrooms, and participation in the FuseRI initiative
 - o 1:1 program for 10th graders
 - All incoming 10 graders were given a chrome book, charger and carrying case to be used both inside and outside of the classroom.
 - Google Classrooms is a free suite of productivity tools including Gmail,
 Drive and Docs and designed to;
 - help teachers create and collect assignments paperlessly, including features like the ability to automatically make a copy of a Google Document for each student.
 - It also creates Drive folders for each assignment and for each student to help keep everyone organized.
 - Students can keep track of what's due on the Assignments page and begin working with just a click. Teachers can quickly see who has or hasn't completed the work, and provide direct, realtime feedback and grades right in Classroom

FuseRI

- As hardware and software become more present in Rhode Island classrooms, educators are searching for efficient ways to identify and implement high-tech practices that have the greatest potential for impact. Fuse RI is a statewide initiative to support the strategic use of technology and data to increase personalization, engagement, and the development of essential skills for students across our state. FuseRI will not only provide professional development for our teachers by sharing best practices but a RINIMC faculty member has been chosen as a FuseRI Fellow. This is a two year fellowship in which he will receive additional training.
- Baseline Assessment Testing
 - We purchased a new assessment tool (Starr Assessments) at the end of last year. All students from grade 10-12 have been assessed in Reading and Math skills to obtain a baseline.
- PSAT
 - All 11th grader students will be taking PSATs during the school day on October 15th.

Admissions:

- Current student census is 218. Final roster of students needs to be reported to RIDE on October 1, 2014. The number of enrolled students impact district and state aid. Although, RINIMC has rolling admissions, state aid is based on these October 1st numbers.
- On September 15th we are hosting "Bring a Friend to School Day" and on September 17th is an Open House forum from 6-7pm.

Charter Renewal

• On October 1st, RINIMC leadership and key personnel will be meeting with our Charter colleagues who have just recently completed their Charter renewal. As of this date we have not received confirmed dates of when our process will begin. It was discussed tentatively with a RIDE staff person that this process could begin in November, but that has not been confirmed. RINIMC will be the only charter school this year up for renewal.

New Building

• An update will be given at the Board meeting